President : I suppose the Honourable member would have done better if he had given us a precis of the quotation.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi : I am just closing, Sir.

"Recasting of the rules and the making good of omissions to meet the needs of Bench Magistrates' Courts in their everyday working appear to be imperative, for from experience it does not seem that the time is ripe for the Government to withdraw their guiding hand and leave things entirely to the good sense of the Magistrates; which should be done only when they are found able to subordinate personal rivalries to higher consideration of public good. I would therefore invite the attention of the Government to the defects and insufficiencies in the existing rules, for taking such action as may be deemed expedient."

I am sorry, Sir, that such a state of things happens in Panchayat Courts especially on account of the selection or non-selection by the Government of particular individuals.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I know whether the member quotes that as a reason for not entertaining copyists ?

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi : This matter has been brought to the notice of the Government. But the Government are sleeping over it. Now a demand is placed before the House, and it is the duty of the legislature to point out to the Government the undesirability of not passing rules as early as possible to avoid this.

President : Very well, we will consider that.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XV—MEDICAL.

Mr. James Simpson : Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 15,000 for improvements to the General Hospital.

Some eight weeks ago, I had to bring to the notice of Government the serious situation engendered in the General Hospital for want of accommodation. This hardship was due to a large increase in the number of patients during the past six months. We have in the General Hospital 191 beds. The average number of patients now is 400. You will understand that this has given rise to great hardship both to the patients and to the staff. I think, Gentlemen, you will agree—

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: The member may address the Chair.

Mr. James Simpson : I apologise, Sir.

President : You are speaking as in a public meeting.

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Mr. James Simpson: I think, Sir, we shall have to do something as otherwise great trouble will arise. If this goes on, we may have to refuse to admit patients. Even now, after using all the available verandahs, many cases have been requested to come back at a later period when there may be accommodation.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether this is due to a seasonal increase in disease?

Mr. James Simpson: I will come to that.

In the year 1110, in Chingam we had 256 patients on the average; in Kanni 215; in Tulam 301; in Vrischikam 346; and in Dhanu 346. The number of in-patients now is 404. It may be said that the General Hospital must not be used purely as an asylum. Instructions have had to be given to the Medical Officers to accept only those cases as in-patients that cannot be treated as out-patients.

Now, the operations too have greatly increased. We have made one alteration from 1st Chingam whereby we have provided for two surgical units. Each unit is being looked after by a well qualified experienced surgeon. This division of work has a lot to do with the increase in the number of major operations. The total for the last six months is 627. If I remember correctly, the total for the whole of 1109 is 816. This will show that there is a great increase in the number of major operations.

The proposals for the division of this money are as follows:— This does not entirely solve the problem but it is only a temporary urgent arrangement which is necessary to keep and treat the patients in the hospital. This money is proposed to be utilised for the construction of 2 surgical wards, the plastering of existing surgical wards and the construction of a separate office room for the stores. I must mention that we are finding great difficulty for the stores. The proposal is to utilise the present office room as storeroom, and remove the stores to this old office room. The new office will also have a share out of this Rs. 15,000. Again, we have also to do some furnishings and so on. The present nursing staff is perfectly inadequate and to ease the situation we have suggested that Rs. 350 be utilised for the appointment of two Nurses and two Warders from the 1st of Kumbham 1110. I want the House to appreciate the great difficulties which we are experiencing in the General Hospital and help us to ease the urgent situation which has arisen by granting this demand.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 1 P. M. and re-assembled at 2 P. M., with Mr. L. A. Lampard, one of the panel of Chairmen, in the Chair.

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Chairman: We will resume the discussion of the demand under Medical.

Mr. James Simpson: I have already concluded my remarks.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know from the member whether there have been similar demands for want of beds and space from the public?

Mr. James Simpson: There might have been from time to time. But there are not persistent demands.

Mr. E. P. Vaghese: Was not the increase in the number of beds brought to the notice of the member during the time of the last budget?

Mr. James Simpson: Just before Chingam there were 266 patients and the budget was passed just prior to that. Now we have to accommodate 400 patients and the necessity has increased greatly.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Has anything been done to meet the demands of the public?

Mr. James Simpon: They have been met as best as the department could, with the budget allotment.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. മറ്റു ചില താലൂക്കുകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് അറമടങ്ങു വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള ഒരു താലൂക്കാകുന്നു തൊടുപുഴ. അവിടെയുള്ള ഒരു ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൊണ്ടു അവിടത്തെ ആവശ്യം തീരെ മതിയാകുന്നില്ല. ഈ ഡിസ്പെൻസറിയെ അടിയന്തരമായി ആശുപത്രിയായി ഉയർത്തണം. മലമ്പനിക്കു പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെട്ട ഒരു സ്ഥലമാണ് അവിടമെന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞതിന്റെ മുമ്പിലത്തെ കൊല്ലത്തിലെ ഫിനാൻഷ്യൽസെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞിരുന്നു. കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹം അതു പറവാൻ വിട്ടുപോയതായി തോന്നുന്നു. പൂർവ്വകാലങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലം ക്രൂരതരമായി മലമ്പനി അവിടെ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി എനിക്കു നേരിട്ടു അറിവുള്ളതാണ്. മലമ്പനി പിടിപെട്ടാൽ കയിനാപോലും ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനു അവിടെ യാതൊരു മാർഗ്ഗവുമില്ല. ഈ താലൂക്കിലെ ചില ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും നാല് മൈൽ നടന്നാലെ താലൂക്കുബെഞ്ചറിയിൽ എത്തുകയൊള്ളൂ. അവിടെ എങ്ങും വൈദ്യസഹായത്തിനുപയുക്തമായ യാതൊരു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളും ഇല്ല. അറക്കുളത്തും കരിമണ്ണൂരും ഓരോ ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾ സ്ഥാപിക്കാമെന്നും ഇതിനുമുമ്പുണ്ടായിരുന്ന കൌൺസിലിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് സമ്മതിച്ചു എങ്കിലും ഏതവ

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[Mr. J. John Kattakayam.]

ൽപ്പെടുന്നതും യാതൊരു ഫലവുമുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ലെന്നു വ്യസനപൂർവം പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഈ സംഗതിയിൽ ഡർബാർഹിസിഷ്യന്റെ ശുശ്രൂഷയിലേക്കു പതിയണമെന്നുള്ള ഉൽബോധനയോടുകൂടി എന്റെ വാക്കുകളെ ഉപസംഹരിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I support the demand. It is gratifying to note that everything useful is being done by the department. It is equally creditable to find that sufficient accommodation has been provided in the General Hospital so as to keep it as a model institution in the State. If there are any defects they should be remedied immediately so that the general public may utilise the benefit derived from such institutions.

The demand was then put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 200 under Demand XVII— Public Health and Sanitation, for the appointment of an Entomology Assistant temporarily in the Public Health Laboratory.

Hon'ble members are aware that Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar who was the Entomologist in the Public Health Department severed his connection with the Travancore Government in October last and reverted to his permanent appointment under the Government of Bengal. After his departure from Travancore, the work that he was carrying on has been divided into two sections, the Laboratory Section and the Field Section. The Field Section has been placed under the control and supervision of the Medical Officer for Epidemiology and the Laboratory has been placed under the control of Dr. Karunakaran, Superintendent, Public Health Laboratory. Dr. Karunakaran is a Bacteriologist. The work that has to be done in the Entomological Laboratory relates to Entomology. Dr. Karunakaran is not able to do any entomological work ; he will only exercise general supervision and control over the work that may be carried on there. To continue the work started by Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar, Government propose to appoint an Entomology Assistant, who is a Master of Arts in Zoology. But before he could be put in charge of this work, he has to undergo training in the laboratory technique relating to Entomology in the Research Institute at Kasauli for three months and at Bombay for one month. The Government have selected an M. A. in Zoology for the appointment and he has agreed to undergo training both at Kasauli and at Bombay at his own cost. On his return after training Government propose to appoint

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